

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/014,763

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 17 December 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 8 and 11.

Identification of prior art discussed: See Continuation Sheet.

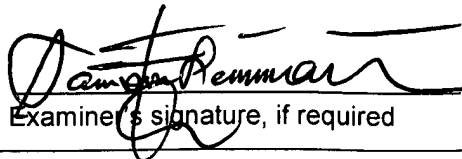
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Identification of prior art discussed: The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) affirmed each and every independent claim and some of the dependent claims. In particular, The Board affirmed the rejections of claims 1-7, 9, 10, 17, and 19-25. However, the BPAI reversed the rejections of dependent claims 8, 11-16, and 18. Accordingly, Applicant's representative amendment places each of dependent claims 8, 11-16, and 18 into independent form in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. However since dependent claims 8 and 11 depended on the affirmed dependent claims 3 and 2 respectively, Examiner indicated that these claims 8 and 11 can not be allowed. Thus, Applicant's representative agreed to cancel claims 8 and 11. However the rest of the dependent claims 12-16 and 18 which are written into independent form are allowed.